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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1154

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ANY INCREASES IN PROFESSIONAL  
10 DEVELOPMENT FUNDING EACH SCHOOL YEAR BE USED FOR  
11 PROFESSIONAL *LEARNING* COMMUNITIES; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(5), concerning professional  
25 development funding, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as  
26 follows:

27 (C)(i) Additional funding provided for professional  
28 development above the amount in subdivision (b)(5)(A) of this section shall  
29 be used by the Department of Education for the development and administration  
30 of professional learning communities for the benefit of public school  
31 districts.

32 (ii)(a) The Department of Education shall promulgate  
33 rules to administer the additional professional development funding under  
34 subdivision (b)(5)(C)(i) of this section.

35 (b) The Department of Education may partner  
36 with or choose a person, firm, corporation, or education service cooperative



1 to provide the knowledge, skills, experience, and expertise for the  
2 development of a research-based process for the implementation of  
3 professional learning communities.

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